

Whereas, “Leadership should be born out of the understanding of the needs of those who would be affected by it,” according to Marian Anderson; and

Whereas, the Brothers of the Academy (BOTA) is an organization of African American scholars whose mission is the production of high quality publishable research and scholarship that focuses on improving African and African American people, schools and communities (socially, politically and economically) through research and scholarly activism; and

Whereas, the Brothers of the Academy (BOTA) mission is to also help increase the number of African American tenure track professors at U.S. colleges and universities; and

Whereas, the initial BOTA Think Tank Conference, “Deconstruct to Reconstruct,” October 1 to October 4, 2003, selected Missouri’s 37th Legislative District in Kansas City as the site of its meeting; and

Whereas, it is with esteem, pride and joy that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives welcome conference attendees from thirty-eight states and the United Kingdom to the “Show-Me” State Saturday, October 4, 2003:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously with State Representatives Sharon Sanders Brooks of District 37, Melba J. Curls of District 41, Yvonne S. Wilson of District 42, and the other members of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus to applaud the work and history of the Brothers of the Academy (BOTA) and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body’s heartiest best wishes for a successful inaugural conference; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Brothers of the Academy (BOTA).

Offered by _____
Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks
District No. 37

Representative Melba J. Curls
District No. 41

Representative Yvonne S. Wilson
District No. 42

And the Members of the
Missouri Legislative Black Caucus

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and

correct copy of House Resolution No. 4344, adopted
October 3, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker